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Freshmen Favor '65 Orientation

By LYNN WILLIAMS

In response to a question on the Freshman Orientation Evaluation forms, the Class of 1969 enthusiastically supported the wearing of beanies. The freshmen felt that the beanies were an MWC tradition that made them feel an immediate part of the college. In addition beanies made it possible for upperclassmen to assist them and to welcome them to the college.

Reaction to the suggested reading list, which each freshman received, was encouraging. On an average each freshman read five of the twelve books listed. Most listed *All the King's Men*, *The Art of Loving*, *Introduction to Psychoanalysis*, and *Deadlock of Democracy* as their favorites. The freshmen voted almost unanimously to receive the list sooner, perhaps with their letters of acceptance.

The Faculty Firesides were a completely new idea this fall and the Orientation Committee was pleased to discover that most freshmen felt it was one of the aspects of orientation which should definitely be continued in the future. As one freshman said, "It encourages you to attend seminars and discussions later in the year." Another added, "Meeting the faculty on an informal basis right at first was very good."

In an effort to evaluate the necessity and effectiveness of freshmen counselors, the committee discovered that those freshmen in Virginia, Willard, and Betty Lewis were enthusiastic about the need for counselors throughout the year. Freshmen in upperclass dorms (approximately 150) felt a definite need for a person such as the freshman counselor. The response, "We have the same problems and fears as those in freshmen dorms," was reported often.

The question was raised to the freshmen of the place of a religious program under the auspices of orientation. Sixty-three percent of those answering felt there was a definite need for an introduction to the religious opportunities of the campus and community.

The question of the effectiveness of the program as it is now presented has been raised and it appears that the program in its present form will be evaluated in the spring.

There was almost unanimous approval of the honor counseling as it was conducted. Many freshmen complimented their honor counselors and expressed pride in our honor system.

The Orientation Committee was pleased to see that the new emphasis toward the academics was so well received on the whole. With discussions and meetings already underway for next fall, it appears that there are still many areas in the orientation program which need to be omitted, condensed, and redefined; but it seems that the MWC freshman is willing to accept her responsibilities in the academic community and is demonstrating quality in the programs which are presented to her.



EAST MEETS WEST — Chancellor Grellet Simpson, Oriental Club President Heather Hilton, Professor Kurt Leidecker, Madame Tran Thein Khiem, deputy assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs Leonard Unger, and Tran Tu, president of the student body at Van Hanh University pause for a moment at the Bazaar. (Photo by Robert Walker.)

Christmas Events

Commence Dec. 4

The weekend of December 4 will mark the commencement of Christmas festivities at MWC. Under Miss Moran's guidance, the members of the Formal Dance Committee have planned an evening featuring a concert and the Christmas Formal.

The concert, featuring Yale University's renowned Whiffenpoofs, will be presented at 4:00 p.m. in GW Auditorium on Saturday, December 4. The Concert will mark the choral group's debut at MWC. Comprised of twelve select young men, the Whiffenpoofs is perhaps the most popular of the Ivy League choral groups. The Concert will be followed by a formal dinner in Seacobeck Hall.

The Mary Washington Band will present its annual fall concert on December 5, at 3:00 P.M. in Dupont Auditorium.

The program will last approximately one hour, and will be free of charge.

Highlighting the weekend's activities will be the annual Christmas Formal, commencing at 9:00 p.m. in Ann Carter Lee Ballroom. Throughout the evening until midnight, couples will dance to the music of Mr. Perry and his band. The group has performed at several of the College Ring Dances and other formal, and is very popular at MWC. The traditional theme of the dance will be enhanced by the decorations, which will include a huge Christmas tree, winter greens, and topleary trees. At midnight breakfast will be served, adding a final touch to the evening's events.

Dress for the dance will require formal gowns for women and either a tuxedo or Class A (Dress) uniform for men. Tickets for the Concert will be \$2 per couple. The tickets for the Christmas Formal will cost \$3 per couple, which includes the breakfast. Tickets for both the Concert and the Dance will be on sale all day, every day from November 29 to December 4.

Oriental Bazaar Features Friendship; Girls & Dignitaries Fete Van Hanh U

By THOMAS MANN

Mary Washington College students staged a demonstration on Viet Nam Saturday, but it was not like those that are usually in the news.

The demonstration was one of friendship and concern as the students and many Fredericksburg residents attended the Oriental Bazaar held by the college's Oriental club for the benefit of Van Hanh University in Saigon.

More than 500 interested persons attended the gala event and contributed over \$300 and several hundred textbooks for the cause of the new school which was established in 1963.

Heading a list of honored guests was Madame Tran Thien Khiem, wife of the Vietnamese ambassador, Lt. Gen. Tran Thien Khiem, who was unable to attend.

Also attending the charitable event were deputy assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs Leonard Unger and his wife, and Tran Tu, president of the student body at Van Hanh University.

Speaking in Vietnamese, Mme. Khiem expressed her thanks to the Oriental Club and the students of Mary Washington for their efforts on behalf of Viet Nam's newest and smallest university. She said that the job of educating was so necessary and often the lack of material things effected the development of the mind.

Tu, the student leader at Van Hanh, was an unexpected visitor at the Bazaar. He had just completed a six-week tour of American colleges and universities and when he heard of Mary Washington's gesture to his school he delayed his departure in order to attend the affair and thank the students personally.

He also told the students of the struggle in his country, which has not really abated since World War II, and he explained that the desire to maintain traditions is the reason the South Vietnamese have fought so long against communism. "We need peace," he said, "but we also need freedom and liberty."

Unger, a former ambassador to Laos and an authority on Far Eastern affairs, spoke of the problems which an emerging nation like Viet Nam must face, likening them to the problems which America encountered in its fight for independence.

He also stressed the importance education will play in this struggle and enumerated some of the projects the United States has undertaken in cooperation with the Vietnamese government.

In the last year, he stated, America has helped build some 9,000 elementary and secondary schools and in the past three years it has contributed more than 8 million text books to schools of the country. In addition, four teacher-training schools have been established and

housing for about 9,000 vocational students has been constructed.

Extending a welcome to the visiting guests and greetings from Mary Washington College to Van Hanh University was Chancellor Dr. Grellet C. Simpson. The program was conducted by Dr. Kurt Leidecker, faculty sponsor of the Oriental Club, and Miss Heather Hilton, student president of the organization.

Featured at the Bazaar were a variety of demonstrations, dances and displays depicting the cultures of the various Oriental countries.

Alumnae May Donate Chapel

The MWC Alumnae is considering building a non-sectarian inter-faith chapel for the campus. One of the major factors in the decision will be whether the student body wants a chapel.

Questionnaires, distributed by House Presidents to their respective dorms, will give the student body an opportunity to decide if they want a chapel, how the chapel will be used, where it will be built, and if it will have chimes.

If the student body votes in favor of the chapel, the Alumnae will then take its final vote. If this is passed, an architect and site will be chosen on the basis of student response.

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Editorial

Martyrs Abound

On October 31, Halloween night, ghosts, goblins and witches traditionally dominate the landscape. But all through November life in the United States is dominated by a different kind of ghoul.

Beginning with a few tentative articles and remarks on or about November 1 and climaxing with screaming posters, flags, souvenirs and "tributes" on November 22, the month is virtually dominated by the sadists who feel that John F. Kennedy's assassination can best be commemorated by articles, photographs, and reminiscences of "that fateful day."

Certainly November 22 is a day that will not soon be forgotten by the American people, and certainly it should be a time for remembering, but it should NOT be a time for morbid exhumations of memories of a gruesome and horrible day.

Could we not honor the

memory of John Kennedy and of the things he stood for in a more fitting way that with a complete and mercenary commercialization of his death?

Would a worldwide or nationwide movement for world peace begun on November 22 be a more meaningful tribute than a magazine article entitled "The Day JFK Died: What People Remember?"

Could we not pay our respects to Mrs. Kennedy more fully by granting her the privacy she has so often requested than by plaguing her and her children with photographers, reporters, and "sightseers?"

For a nation of supposedly intelligent individuals, we have behaved, during the past two years, in a disgustingly barbaric manner . . . and the press, we regret to admit, has led the sensation-seeking pack.

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Critic's Corner



By MAGGIE KNIGHT

"Nothing is ever achieved without some sort of ordeal," Beralde said it.

And "ordeal" it was last week in du Pont Theatre, as the Players opened their Season of Comedies with Moliere's "Imaginary Invalid," playing to a 3-night standing-room only audience.

The "ordeal" concerned dual plots which produced fantastic difficulties for Argan (Bud Helmen), his daughter Angelica (Lynn Shelby), as well as for Beline (Sue Palmer), Argan's covetous and scheming wife.

The age-old story of father-arranges - marriage - for - daughter - who - is - in - love - with - someone - else was confounded by Argan's countless imaginary illnesses, making him desirous of a G.P. for a son-in-law. Daughter Angelica, however, was in love with Cleante.

All the while Beline tried to maneuver herself into becoming sole benefactor in her husband's will as well as mistress to her "clever" lawyer.

Bud Helmen was excellent as the constant invalid ever-searching for the doctor who could pronounce him incurably ill.

Mickey Black, (Toinette) and

Jim Herr (Thomas Diaforus) were the scenestealers. Mickey was the exuberant maid who rights all wrongs, was all over the stage, and we found our eyes on her comic expressions when they were intended to be elsewhere. Her on and off-stage double costume change was just short of remarkable.

Jim Herr, Argan's choice for a son-in-law stole the scene as the over-rehearsed, lecherous Ben Franklin in the guise of Don Juan.

Also good were Sue Palmer and Lynn Shelby as the mother and daughter with opposing wills.

As expected, all wrongs were righted by Toinette's artfulness - Angelica married Cleante, Beline was disinherited, and Argan was pronounced, during a final "ordeal", "doctor imagineire" so that he might cure his own ills.

Although Act Three dragged considerably, (but was miraculously saved by Mickey Black and Sue Palmer), and a Star of David loomed large on the floor of a Catholic Set (which couldn't be saved even by Toinette), the play was another wonder crafted by the Drama Club.

I don't like Moliere.

Yes, Christmas IS rather un-academic, isn't it?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Perhaps this letter should not be a letter to the editor, as it is directed to a specific group—the Junior class—but I could think of no better way to say what I want so that most Juniors will read this letter and form their own opinions.

There has been much bickering among members of this class about the upcoming Ring Dance and the plans for it—especially about dance bands available to play for it. At the first class meeting of the year, the word most used and stressed was budget—we must economize. Figures were quoted from last year's dance—\$1100 for a dance band and \$250 for the combo at the combo party. (Please correct me if my figures are in error.) Emphasis was placed upon "what a good deal" these prices were. I am inclined to disagree.

This year was to be a year to economize, so that there would be funds left over for our senior year. The availability of reasonably priced bands is known to the committee for Ring Dance. A band from Richmond is available for the small and VERY reasonable price of \$450. In the past this band has played at other colleges, Madison College as an example. Now, however, the "efficient" committee for the Ring Dance seems to be considering having a "big-name" band from New York to play for us. (The big name, by the way, is one of which I have never heard!) This band has its price quoted at \$1500, over three times that of the band from Richmond. Is this economizing? We have outrageously high dues this year, and if we spend most of this money, there will be little to carry over to our senior year. Do you want outrageously high dues next year also, so we can "afford" a present to the

school?

What does Ring Dance mean to you? It is a special occasion—we wear our rings for the first time. Are you going to the Ring Dance to have a good time, or just to say: "At MY Ring Dance, we listened to so-and-so, who came all the way from New York to play for us!" I find it hard to believe that girls of 20 or more years of age are so avidly seeking a status symbol. I would be willing to bet my last dollar that the band from Richmond is just as good and would show us just as good a time as the other from New York—for less than one-third the price, too. The issue will soon come to a class vote. It is YOUR class, YOUR dance, and YOUR money. Which do you want?

BARBARA FISHER

Dear Editor,

In response to the proposed "chapel" presented to the student body this evening, we wish to object to the plans for what appears to be a new auditorium.

1. Such a program could overlap with the functions of the student religious organizations on campus. At present these religious organizations and the Y.W.C.A. sponsor many programs and speakers of interest to all students. We see no deficiency in the scope of programs being presented which would indicate a need for additional such presentations. In fact, we feel that additional presentation, See LETTERS, Page 3

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Campus Action

During the past few years there has been an increasing amount of interest on campus in the political, economic, and military needs of the nation and the world. This is commendable, but at the same time, there has been a corresponding tendency to view the needs of the campus as trivial or niggling. This is unfortunate, because there are some very real needs on campus which, although not earth shaking, certainly deserve more than casual student consideration.

Every community has seemingly trivial needs. However in most communities it is recognized that a certain amount of concern on local issues is necessary to form a basis for that community's actions in the world. Because of this realization, bond issues for sewers and schools can be discussed without cries of trivia.

If a similar attitude were adopted by students on this campus, problems like the dining hall lines would be handled by students. Students are in a far better position for recognizing such problems than is the administration. Ideally a group of interested students should have analyzed the problem last year and drawn up a list of concrete suggestions for the administration.

Dormitory noise presents a similar challenge to students this year. A poll has shown that the problem does exist and some of the reasons why. All that is needed now is a group of responsible students to decide on appropriate solutions.

The administration has indicated its willingness for students to accept more responsibility. Perhaps, now that we have grown out of apathy to an awareness of the world, we should grow some more, into an awareness of our campus as a community—with responsibilities which ought to be accepted.

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entations would merely split the interest and participation already present.

2. Facilities already exist on campus for such stated purposes as "sacred music concerts and recitals, religious drama presentations, exhibits of a religious nature (e.g. art exhibits, book displays)". We see no pressing need to supplement the facilities now available—G. W. Auditorium, DuPont Theatre, DuPont Art Galleries, Monroe Auditorium, and the AC Lee Ballroom.

3. A student here lacks a quiet place with the atmosphere to comfort her, where she may feel alone with herself and with her God, a place where she may kneel in prayer before an altar, a place to get away from it all. The proposed "chapel" does not seem to provide these needs. Such a non-religious "chapel" is no more conducive to meditation than is G. W. Auditorium. We need a real Chapel—and we need it badly!

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Dear Editor,

It has been my impression that the purpose of guest speakers on this campus was to enable students to participate in another type of learning process outside the classroom. Guest lecturers provide the student with views often different from those held by the professors at this College. The students who attend these lectures are suppose to be intelligent enough to criticize objectively the views of the speaker either in their own minds or by questioning the speaker after his presentation.

Faculty members interested in the lecture often attend although these lectures are geared to the student body and not to the speaker's peers. Understandably these professors would not want students at a lecture to be tainted by any "incorrect" or "subversive" information related by a guest lecturer. This misrepresentation would occasion a tactful, well-phrased question by the professor to the speaker on the dubious points. This provides an alert to the students to think more carefully about the remarks of the speaker.

Today, however, this savoir faire which should be possessed by our faculty toward a guest speaker was totally absent from our fledgling political science professor. I submit that our freshman professor behaved in an extremely immature manner and his performance should be regretted by all present. It is certain that no student on this campus would act with such disrespect toward any guest speaker seasoned by time and vast experience no matter what his views.

NANCY MORYS

Dear Editor,

I wrote the article entitled "Communism Pervades American Institutions" in an attempt to arouse controversy, and hopefully, to inspire a response in the form of letters to the editor. Al-

though the views expressed in the article are not my own, all articles written in the future on this type of page will express the opinion of the author.

"Right to Non-Education?" was written by Annie Laurie Newman, while "DeGaulle Rises as NATO Foe" was written by Anne Fortney and Beth Van Heuten.

GINNY GRIFFITH

Dear Editor:

I have just completed the second reading of an article entitled "Communism Pervades American Institutions". I read this article a second time because I had the uneasy suspicion that I had somehow missed the punchline. It proved equally illusive on the second reading, however, and I am forced to conclude that either my sense of humor has considerably dulled, (almost overnight), or the BULLET and the author of this article (I haven't the pleasure of addressing her personally) are asking me to take these thirty-two lines of print seriously.

If that be the case (I'd prefer to think my humor is deficient), I can only say that I am shocked by such irresponsible thinking and appalled that the BULLET has bothered to print it for the consumption of the students.

At the risk of being accused of being "pink", I think it due time that we stop to consider a dangerous trend in American thinking—that of equating certain terms with the adjectives "good" and "evil", and then pasting these terms like labels on people, institutions, books, newspapers, etc. This practice is dangerous because it proposes to attach a "moral" value to thoughts, and too few of us are willing to be guilty of "naughty", or "evil", thoughts. The result—we stop thinking!

Communism, as such, is a group of thoughts, and thoughts do not "destroy"; hopefully they enrich and enlighten. Our very presence at this college supposedly supports and defends that belief. The moral exuberance of this article causes one to reflect that its author has studied communism very little, if at all, for she seems to have no concept of what it is, other than some large ominous "bogeyman" ready to pounce on her in the dark, the dark presiding over her mind. I would recommend that she KNOW her enemy, and if communism IS her enemy, then by knowing its substance, its strengths and weaknesses, she will best be able to fight it. As she stands now, she is a child crying in the dark . . . with about as much consequence.

How was Eisenhower a "dupe of the Reds"? Who are these "Commies" and "socialistic government officials" we must beware of? How does Medicare rob us of the "ability and desire to stand on our own two feet"? "How about Egypt? Pakistan?" How about them indeed? she fails to say. What is the "moral stand of the American nation" that is so "obvious"? (Surely someone else as dense as I craves enlightenment!) And when does she advocate bombing Hanoi . . . and if need be Peking!?

The most frightening part of this article is her desire to bring "pressure and laws" to bear

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Everybody is thinking about, debating about, getting angry about the proposed Mary Washington chapel. Many questions have been raised concerning the purpose and value of such a building. Arguments cited against the proposal are that the religious organizations of various denominations are already providing the services which a chapel could provide, that improvements in other areas of campus life are more pressing, and that the building would only duplicate staging facilities already being wasted. An opinion poll has been distributed to all students, and the general feeling on campus seems to be a negative response. Although many of the objections appear valid, it seems that some of the most important aspects of the question are being overlooked.

The purpose of a chapel would be to educate, not indoctrinate. Too many students have the idea that a chapel, by the very nature of the word, is a religiously-oriented place of denominational worship. This connotation of the word "chapel" is incorrect in this instance, as the proposal is for a non-denominational meeting place where speeches, plays, and exhibits can be held. Admittedly events will concern philosophical, theological, and sociological questions, but the emphasis and method of approaching the

topics will be academically oriented.

What would be the advantages of such a building? The possibilities for using the chapel are unlimited. Existing religious organizations could hold meetings and services there. The YWCA could utilize the building for its programs and for its headquarters. Here would be a place where students could find the solitude which often seems smothered in the midst of crowded classrooms and dormitories. Money would be available for sponsoring outstanding philosophers and theologians whose fees are too high for any single religious organization to pay. In addition, a campus-wide chapel would provide a forum for valuable ecumenical dialogue between students of all faiths and of no faith.

The presence of a chapel would offer an alternative for students who are not members of a particular religion, and who now must either attend a sectarian service or none at all. No one would be required to go to the chapel. Yet if one rejects the proposal for himself, does he have the right to deprive other students of this opportunity? This chapel will be here long after we have graduated. Can we rightfully deny future Mary Washington students this facility which has been offered as a gift?

Profs Turn Students By Auditing Courses

By NETSY JOHNSON

If you've tried to place the name of the person who sits behind you in Spanish or Theatre Survey, it could very well be the Dean of the College or your modern dance teacher.

This year it seems professors are becoming more abundant as students, for Dean Edward Alvey and several professors have enrolled in various classes on campus in order to renew teachers' certificates and for other purposes of edification.

Dean Alvey, presently a beginning Spanish student, finds his course interesting and rewarding. "I study very hard," he said. Alvey, interested in Mexico and Latin America, has a daughter in Mexico.

Miss Cecile Peolovitz, Modern Dance instructor, is enrolled in Dr. Klein's Survey of World Theatre. Although she admits it is difficult at times, she too finds her course extremely interesting.

She says of being surrounded by many of her own students, "It's really a strange feeling because you know they're expecting you to bring up some brilliant point."

Miss Rebecca Woosley of the P. E. Department is auditing Dr. Wells' Kinesiology as a "refresher course from an expert in our field." She states that the course is "an important founda-

tion to physical education. There is so much more to be learned because so much more is known."

Mrs. Cornelia Oliver of the Art Department last year audited a French Civ. and Lit. class to improve her French. After a completed year of the course she said she had not only learned French but also a great deal about the students themselves.

"At first, I felt terribly conspicuous," stated Mrs. Oliver, but I certainly could enjoy the class without the pressure that I felt when I was in college."

While auditing a class, a teacher can rejuvenate his feelings as a student. Mrs. Oliver felt that the course was advantageous in this respect. "I could see student reaction to a text." Empathy grew, she said, as she saw the psychological reactions and heard the whispered comments of the students.

According to Mrs. Oliver, college is "not harder than it was when I went, but as never before, I could sense a different atmosphere as the days of the week progressed. On Monday everyone was comparing what they had done during the weekend, and on Friday they were comparing what they were going to do."

The reason for occasional professorial bleary eyes at 8:30 a.m.? Lack of sleep—a common symptom of the late night studier.

Students Appraise Dorm Rules

By LAURIE McLEAREN

"Since the girls live in the dorm and must function under its policies, it is necessary and right that THEY form these policies, under my guidance and approval," Mrs. H. B. Chase, Jr., head resident of Tri-Unit, has with this statement summarized Mary Washington College's policy toward dormitory rules and regulations. This year several policies have been revised, and the BULLET sought opinions from several head residents, house presidents, and students on the success of these revisions.

Sunday afternoon open house has long been an issue on campus. Virginia Hall's limited open house has proved quite successful according to House President Patti Marilla. "Limited to male members of the family, it is really a period of convenience, especially for a freshman dorm." Tri-Unit's unlimited system, in which the boy and girl sign a guest book before using this visiting privilege, has also "worked beautifully" according to Mrs. Chase. "The privilege isn't used extensively at all and it certainly isn't abused. It's like money—just having it in your pocket is the important thing." Randolph's trial of an unlimited open house, which requests only campus-wide requirements that boys have guest cards and that doors always be open, has resulted in no complaints from any Randolph residents. Westmoreland has a unique system of voluntary hostess duty on each floor to facilitate use of its unlimited open house.

The campus-wide revision of the guest card and flip-out policies has also caused comment. Opinions concerning the guest cards, which our police requested, range from the idea that they are just as effective as previous ones to a desire to return to the earlier system. Mrs. Charles Conklin, head resident in Randolph, expressed the thought that the older cards were her personal preference, since they facilitated "getting to know the girls and some of the boys." In Virginia Hall, the new cards seem to be equally effective since the formality of introduction of guests is still expected.

This year's flip-out system appears to be an improvement over the older sign-out requirement. In Tri-Unit it has eliminated the "closing-hour bottleneck" which sign-ins caused. In Virginia, Vera Wilson, senior assistant, feels that it is quite an improvement, "it saves a lot of bookwork and filing" but possibly the mechanics of operation could be improved to prevent accidental flipping-in or out of the wrong cards. This was a problem in Randolph and Westmoreland earlier in the year.

As Alice Moore, house president of Westmoreland, states, "In all these policies the responsibility is placed where it rightly belongs—on the individual girl." That is what perhaps accounts for their success.

Irresponsible Press Distorts News

By ANN FORTNEY

Lack of understanding and misrepresentation of facts are assumed in international news coverage. Nations have never felt their policies were accurately represented in another's press. However, the problem has now deteriorated to accusations of both the French and American press concerning coverage in the newspapers of the other country. American newspapers, including The Washington Post and The New York Times, have claimed or implied that the French press is controlled by the government. Now French papers, among them the responsible Le Monde and Le Figaro, have denounced American journalists for carrying out a direct campaign against Gen. de Gaulle under the directives of the American government. Journalists of each country as well as their governments have denied any control over its press. Then the importance is that these are not irresponsible charges made by cheap newspapers for the sake of sensationalism. These countries feel that their policies are not just being misunderstood, but that there is a conscious effort by the other's press to distort the news of its country.

From what I saw of French newspapers last year and what I have read in American newspapers reporting news of France, I feel that if there is not a deliberate attempt to distort the news, then there is a lack of understanding that is just as serious. I would like to mention to two examples of this. The New York Times on November 11, 1965 published an article quoting the French publications France-Soir, Paris-Match and Le Figaro as saying that America will not lose a military battle in Viet Nam. The reporter seems to imply from this that there is a change in French attitude towards Viet Nam. An examination of these papers will show that their opinions imply no such thing. France-Soir is a moderate right-wing daily of the caliber of the New York Daily News. It will print anything that will sell newspapers. Paris-Match is a pic-

torial news magazine that is definitely pro-American. Le Figaro, a good, responsible newspaper, has been supporting America in Viet Nam in front-page editorials ever since that became an issue. When a French newspaper such as Le Monde decides that because of our military strength the outlook in Viet Nam looks favorable for us, then I will believe that there has been a change in French opinion. Le Monde is a liberal, independent daily, the quality of whose reporting and editorials are highly respected the world over. Le Monde, however, has also been guilty of misrepresentation of facts, leading to a false conclusion. Last year a French student was upset when he read an article in Le Monde quoting an American newspaper, which he did not know, as advocating war with Red China. That paper was the New York Daily News. These are only examples of errors in public opinion which arise from such completely false and misleading journalism.

If students who go to France can come back with an understanding of her politics I don't see why journalists who live there or French journalists who live in America cannot interpret facts so that the other country does not feel that there is a campaign against it. If this is the problem between France and America, two allies (even at odds) what is true for the rest of the world? Are journalists really so controlled by the government in a democracy? Or are they so dependent on their editors that they must write articles to their taste even if the facts do not back them up? If they can't always be objective, couldn't they at least be open enough to search for the whole story, giving both sides of it? We admit that we cannot always rely on even the best newspapers and yet we quote constantly from them. Isn't there some way we could improve the main source of public information? Or doesn't anybody care?

RACouncil Ponders Beanie

The Recreation Association Council has been discussing different aspects of the Freshmen beanie on our campus. We are printing a summary of the pros and cons which were brought out by dorm reps and committee chairmen.

Beanies:

1. It was felt that we are not "outdated" in the idea because many, many schools have beanies.

2. It is a part of MWC traditions as much as Freshmen dorms.

3. The Freshmen enjoy them (even complaining) because they are easily identified.

Question of Class or School Beanies:

1. We graduate as a Class and need a more unified feeling.

2. Most students favor red or green beanies as it helps bring about class spirit.

3. The school loyalty is always present and does not necessarily need reinforcement.

Beanie Yell:

1. Complaints were directed toward the conduct as past yells, but very few complaints this year's.

2. Singing both Class songs and the Alma Mater was a good idea.

3. It is needed as a high point of enthusiasm and unity.

Look for 'The Epaulet,' soon to be released. Many new attractions herald the fall issue which will go on sale in the bookstore.

4. We can be intellectually oriented and still have fun!!!!

5. All classes should be encouraged to wear their beanies for the yell.

6. Wearing of beanies could be shortened to a week or 10 days.

As you can see by these statements, we will continue the beanie as has been the policy. We are interested in hearing your ideas on any aspects of the beanies or the beanie yell. TELL US!!!!!!

Shirley Kohl, President Recreation Association

"In whatever arena of life one may meet the challenge of courage, whatever may be the sacrifices he faces if he follows his conscience—the loss of his friends, his fortune, his contentment, even the esteem of his fellow men—each man must decide for himself the course he will follow. The stories of past courage can define that ingredient—they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this, each man must look into his own soul."

—John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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Senator Byrd Retires Patriarchy May Fade

By GINNY GRIFFITH

Senator Harry Flood Byrd once said of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with whom he was once ideologically compatible "He changed, I didn't."

Despite the personal affability and integrity of the Senator and his machine, Virginians can not but rejoice at the prospect of allowing their state to "catch up" with the rest of the nation in political and economic theory. As Arnold J. Toynbee stated in his work "A Study of History," Twentieth-century Virginia makes the painful impression of a country living under a spell in which time has stood still.

The refusal to compromise fiscal conservatism for fifty years has forced Virginia down to one of the lowest rungs on the ladder of state responsibility to her citizens. V. O. Key has said that "Virginia is governed by a well-disciplined and ably managed oligarchy . . . The quid pro quo for support of the organization is said to be taxation favorable to corporations, an anti-labor policy, and restraint in the expansion of services, such as education, public health and welfare . . ." The voting record of Senator Byrd in the U. S. Senate illustrates his obsession with any kind of government spending.

Senator Byrd voted against the Social Security Act of 1935, against relief bills to aid the hungry and homeless, against raising the minimum wage, against such labor acts as the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the Wage and Hour Act. During World War II he cast his ballot against a bill to increase the base pay of the serviceman to fifty dollars a month.

Today, Virginia's educational and mental health facilities are rated among the poorest in the nation. Many a traveler has bumped and twisted along the poorly cared for roads and highways; and yet, Virginia maintains a surplus of approximately forty million dollars per annum.

Many were disappointed by Governor Harrison's appointment of Harry F. Byrd, Jr. as senator. A recent statement made by the newly appointed senator reflects the same "ob-

session" for dollar hoarding: "I do not subscribe to the theory that it is wise to create bigger and bigger deficits which I feel will lead to inflation that will erode the purchasing power of the wage earner's dollar."

However, the patriarchal power of the Byrd machine does not necessarily sift down to the younger Byrd in his new office. The progressive element in the Democratic party has been on the steady ascent in recent years. Fortunately, men such as senator-elect Henry Howell has been cited as a possible candidate opposing the remnants of the machine.

Virginia once rebelled against a stifling establishment. As the hope of a nation once rested on the demise of a monarch, the hope for the future of Virginia now rests in the defeat of an organization which has held Virginia frozen in antiquity for half a century.

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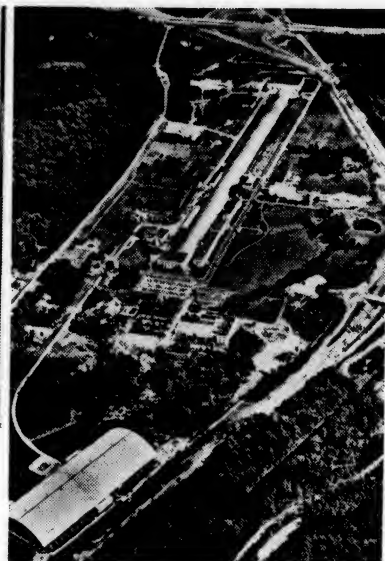
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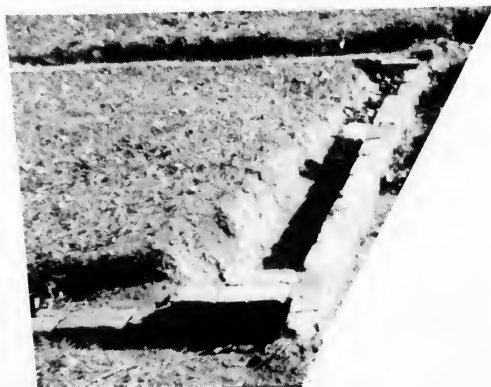
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gated for yourself?



YWCA To Honor Town Children

The YWCA will sponsor its annual Christmas party for the underprivileged children of Fredericksburg on Saturday, December 11.

One hundred children from Maury, Lafayette, and Walker-Grant Elementary Schools will receive invitations to the festivities.

Local merchants plan to supply the refreshments for the party which will be held in AC Lee Ballroom. Santa Claus will be there to talk with the children and distribute toys and presents.

The success of this annual event depends on the support of MWC students. In the past, girls have returned from Thanksgiving vacation laden with used toys and clothing—gifts vital to the Christmas enjoyment of many area youngsters.

Students are urged to canvass their homes during the upcoming holiday for toys (suitable for 5 to 8-year-olds) and used and repairable clothing. This merchandise can be turned over to the YWCA representatives in each dorm.

YWCA president Ann Martin stresses that Thanksgiving vacation will be the last opportunity for most girls to bring these articles back to the college. It is, therefore, vitally important that students take some time out to collect this merchandise from their own homes and those of neighbors.

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The twenty Terrapins have already started work on their Spring Show, to be held March 17, 18, and 19. The Junior Terrapins were organized on Nov. 16. This branch of the Terrapin Club will also participate in the Spring Show.

Honors Basketball practice will start on Tuesday, Nov. 30. The Tuesday and Thursday practices will be held at 7:00 in the Big

Gym; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday practices will be held at 4:00. The first basketball game of the season will be played in January. Any girls interested in playing on the team should come to the first practices.

Intramural Bowling held this year for the first time, will begin on Monday, Nov. 29. There are approximately four teams. Individual participation will count for dorm points.

The intramurals will last three weeks, with each team bowling four games.

If any individuals wish to bowl and cannot find a dorm team, they should contact Tina Palmer before Thanksgiving.

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Letters

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upon "Communist ministers, schoolboard members," etc. Such dogmatic thinking as this was responsible for such historical tragedies as the Inquisition, and impeded the progress of science and philosophy for centuries!

I ask this young woman to make the effort sometime in her quest for an "education" to read, listen, examine, and learn; she can't help but benefit. Then I ask her to stop dealing in trite phrases and to think like an adult, to criticize objectively, reasonably, and with substance. Too often the mind which exists under cover of labels proves as worthless as the similarly dressed tin cans which line grocer's shelves.

And, to the BULLET for printing such a conglomeration of meaningless metaphors and glowing generalities, an entire article lacking even a shred of concrete evidence or constructive thinking . . . Tsk, tsk!

Sincerely,

GAYLE MARIE DAVIS
Dear Editor,

As Chairman of the Campus Safety and Welfare Committee, I would like to thank you for bringing to the attention of the student body the Safety and Welfare Committee. We, on the committee, have tried through house meetings, house councils and hall meetings to stress the various aspects of our committee to the students, but unfortunately we have not succeeded.

We were especially interested in informing the students about the welfare aspect of the committee.

I feel that I must take issue with a statement made in your editorial. "We have a campus Safety and Welfare Committee, which, as a result of long standing tradition, does precious little to insure our safety and nothing at all to promote our welfare." I am extremely upset that you think this statement is true, because I know that this committee has done quite a bit in both of these areas.

Since the beginning of this year, we have been in communication with the City Council of Fredericksburg in an effort to have them install a traffic light at the intersection of William Street and College Avenue. Unfortunately, because of many factors such as council procedures, the high cost of a traffic light and the result of a traffic survey, the Council has not acted upon our request. We are now working with the College Heights Civic Association to obtain the consent of the City Council for a traffic light. There are many things we would like the College to consider such as the installation of mercury-vapor street lights and the improvement of the sidewalks; but because of the very nature and high cost of these items, it would be necessary to have them placed in the College budget and approved by the State. Other things such as the replacement of the step-lights leading from the front of

the dining hall have been done. It may take a long time for it to be done but this is because of the large amount of work and the shortage of personnel that Mr. Willets and Mr. Revell must cope with. I am sure that anyone who uses the dining hall steps realizes that the Safety and Welfare Committee has done more to insure their safety than have three fire drills a semester.

In the area of welfare we are at a serious handicap. Students do not realize this Committee is a link between the students and the administration. I meet with Mr. Woodward, the Bursar, at least once a week if I have any suggestions from the students. We discuss such matters as the dining hall, so the administration is aware of the complaints that the girls have. I have never heard anyone suggest a different meal that would be sensible for the dining hall to prepare for 2000 girls. I suspect at home you also experience repeats in meals; I know I do.

The Executive Council of the Student Government Association has been "investigating" the situation in the Infirmary and has made several suggestions that would help improve the service of the Infirmary.

The Safety and Welfare Com-

mittee has been looking into the complaints the girls have about the Laundry. After investigating several of these complaints, the majority of the lost items seem to be the result of the girls improperly marking their laundry or not marking it at all.

We have asked about fire drills in academic buildings. We have found that the administration felt that they were impractical because of the changing of class rooms and of buildings each hour; however, if the students felt that fire drills in academic buildings were necessary the administration would do everything to help work out the details of such a project.

After working with the Safety and Welfare Committee for only three months, I have experienced the frustrations of administrative red tape and delay, and the frustrations of having girls ignore such simple requests as waiting until they cross the street from the post office to read their letters. If a girl is so interested in her letter that she will walk into the side of a stopped police car she had better read it in the post office or we may be able to recommend a new student aide position—that of safety patrol. Not until you come in contact with those who run the College do you realize the handicaps they are working under, such as a limited budget and a shortage of personnel. After this realization, it is easier to understand why the suggestions one makes may take a long time to come to reality;

The Safety and Welfare Committee has several projects to improve the welfare and safety of the students and would welcome more. They are:

1. A survey on the desirability of having a jukebox in the "C" Shop.
2. The placing of a traffic light at the intersection of William Street and College Avenue.
3. Taking up coats and books left in the Dome Room and the staircases in the dining hall.
4. The placing of Safety Regulations and Reminders in each dormitory room on campus.
5. The placing of signs indicating fire exits in academic buildings.
6. The repairing and installing of sidewalks.

Unfortunately these things take time because of administrative details but we are working on them and hope to accomplish some if not all of these goals.

It is a shame that the editor in looking in the Safety and Welfare Committee did not ask the chairman of the committee or the President of the Student Government Association about the committee for they are the ones who know all the details concerning the committee.

I hope the students now realize that this committee does more to insure their safety and improve their welfare than wake them up at 1 a.m. with the loud ringing of the fire alarm.

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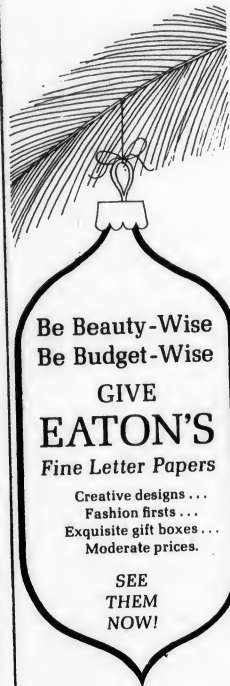
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